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SUBJECT: LEBANESE ARMY

1. WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPORT AND ANALYSIS ON THE
ATTITUDES OF THE SYRIANS TOWARDS THE LEBANESE ARMY. IT
HAS BEEN ALLEGED HERE THAT THE SYRIANS--SOMETIMES WORKING
THROUGH THE PALESTINIANS, SOMETIMES DIRECTLY, AND SOMETIMES
THROUGH THEIR BAATH AND OTHER ALLIES--HAVE EITHER BEEN
INTIMIDATING MUSLIMS FROM JOINING OR SUPPORTING THE ARMY,
OR HAVE BEEN THROWING UP OTHER ROAD BLOCKS.

2. PLEASE ALSO COMMENT ON THE NATURE OF THE SYRIAN
RELATIONSHIP WITH GENERAL KHOURY, AND THE IMPLICATIONS
FOR KHOURY'S PROGRAM FOR REBUILDING THE ARMY. VANCE

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